

ABSTRACT

A power supply control method in a portable communication device achieves reduced power consumption. A main CPU sends an operation check request to a subCPU. When the subCPU performs radio communication for location registration, the subCPU sends 5 an operation check response back to the main CPU. When the time required from transmission of the operation check request to reception of its response exceeds a predetermined time-out period or the response fails to be received within the predetermined time-out period, it is determined that no external 10 communication is performed by the sub controller and therefore the sub controller is powered off.